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Identical letters dated 11 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to refer to the letter dated 21 August 2015 from the representative of the Israeli regime, containing unfounded allegations against my country that I categorically reject (S/2015/659). The allegations are, as usual, nothing but pure lies, fabricated by the Israeli regime to advance its objectives against my country, distracting the attention of the international community from its aggressive designs against the whole region and its unlawful policies and practices against the Palestinian people.

Allow me to seize this opportunity to draw your attention to the most recent information leaked to the media about the planning by the Israeli leaders to attack targets in Iran in recent years. In an audio recording leaked to Israel's Channel 2, a former Israeli Defence Minister, Ehud Barak, detailed three military strikes against Iran, planned with Benjamin Netanyahu, in 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Barak later acknowledged to CNN, on 22 August 2015, that the recording was authentic.[1]

Earlier, in my letter dated 19 May 2015, I drew the attention of the Security Council to another example of the threat by this regime against my country (S/2015/353). In that letter, I referred to a speech given by the Israeli Defence Minister, Moshe Yaalon, on 5 May 2015, in which he threatened to use nuclear bombs against Iran and to continue killing civilians, including women and children, in Gaza and Lebanon.

The cases above are two of many cases in which the Israelis planned aggressions against Iran. In the meantime, they have never concealed their aggressive intention and never stopped issuing military threats against my country. Given that the threat or use of force under any circumstances is a flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, my Government expects the Security Council to live up to its Charter obligation to stop the Israeli threats against my country.

Given this backdrop, it is ironic that the Israeli regime, with a long record of blatantly flouting international law, including international humanitarian law, and of violating General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, now pretends to worry about the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015). It is widely

[1] See www.cnn.com/2015/08/22/middleeast/israel-plan-iran-military-target-strike/.

known that this regime has done whatever has been in its power to sabotage all efforts aimed at resolving the stand-off over Iran's peaceful use of nuclear energy.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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